



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 123

LCO No. 1098

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF A "MINOR PARTY".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (6) of section 9-372 of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 17 of public act 03-241, is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

4 (6) "Minor party" means (A) a political party or organization which
5 is not a major party and whose candidate for the office in question
6 received at the last-preceding regular election for such office, under the
7 designation of that political party or organization, at least one per cent
8 of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for such office at
9 such election, (B) a political party or organization whose candidate for
10 Governor at the last-preceding election for Governor received, under
11 the designation of that political party or organization, at least two per
12 cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes cast
13 for all candidates for Governor at such election, or (C) a political party
14 having, at the last-preceding election for Governor, a number of
15 enrolled members on the active and inactive registry lists equal to at
16 least one per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the total number of

17 enrolled members of all political parties on the active registry list in the
18 state.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To broaden the definition of "minor party", thereby increasing ballot access by candidates of such parties.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]